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Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its fiftieth session, the Commission on Human Rights adopted resolution 1994/2 entitled "Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan". By paragraph 6 of resolution 1994/2, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to bring the resolution to the attention of all Governments, the competent United Nations organs, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and international humanitarian organizations and to give it the widest possible publicity, and to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session.

2. In accordance with the requests of the Commission, the Secretary-General brought resolutions 1994/2 to the attention of all Governments, by a note verbale dated 19 May 1994. It was also communicated to the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories and to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

3. Furthermore, the resolution was transmitted to all the specialized agencies and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as well as to competent regional intergovernmental organizations. In addition, the resolution was brought to the attention of international humanitarian organizations and non-governmental organizations.

4. The Department of Public Information undertook the following activities:

(a) The Department of Public Information continued to provide press coverage of all meetings of the Special Committee and to feature and

distribute United Nations information materials, documents and press releases on the activities of the Special Committee to representatives of non-governmental organizations and to the public at large through the United Nations information centres and services;

(b) In a revised edition of a booklet scheduled to be published in September 1994, in English, under the title The United Nations and the Question of Palestine, and at a later date in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Russian and Spanish, DPI devoted a full chapter to human rights in the occupied territories. For the drafting of that chapter, DPI used extensively material available in reports of the Special Committee, including most recent ones;

(c) DPI, both at Headquarters and through the United Nations information centres and services, publicized the Special Committee's 1994 mission to the Middle East.

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Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its fiftieth session, the Commission on Human Rights adopted resolution 1994/3 A and B entitled "Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine". By paragraph 5 of resolution 1994/3 A and paragraph 5 of resolution 1994/3 B, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to bring the resolution to the attention of the Government of Israel and all other Governments, the competent United Nations organs, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations, international humanitarian organizations and non-governmental organizations, to disseminate it on the widest possible scale, and to report on progress in its implementation by the Government of Israel to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session.

2. In accordance with the requests of the Commission, the Secretary-General brought resolution 1994/3 A and B to the attention of the Government of Israel and all other Governments, by a note verbale dated 19 May 1994. It was also communicated to the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories and to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

3. Furthermore, the resolution was transmitted to all the specialized agencies and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as well as to competent regional intergovernmental organizations. In addition, the resolution was brought to the attention of international humanitarian organizations and non-governmental organizations.

4. The Department of Public Information undertook the activities enumerated in document E/CN.4/1995/20, paragraph 4.

5. No reply from Israel had been received at the time of the preparation of the present report.

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Note by the Secretary-General

1. In paragraph 6 of its resolution 1994/3 A, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General to provide it with all United Nations reports issued between sessions of the Commission that deal with the conditions in which the citizens of the Palestinian and other Arab territories are living under the Israeli occupation.

2. The Secretary-General accordingly draws the attention of the Commission to the United Nations reports listed hereunder, which have been issued since the closure of its fiftieth session on 11 March 1994.

General Assembly reports and notes

A/49/3	Report of the Economic and Social Council for the year 1994, chapter VII, Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories
A/49/13	Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the period 1 July 1993 to 30 June 1994
A/49/35	Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

A/49/67	Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories for the period 28 August to 30 November 1993
A/49/169-E/1994/73	Economic and social consequences of the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and the Syrian Golan: report of the Secretary-General
A/49/172	Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories for the period 1 December 1993 to 31 March 1994
A/49/263-E/1994/112	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people
A/48/275	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, Revenues derived from Palestine refugees' properties: report of the Secretary-General
A/48/431	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, University "Al-Quds" for Palestine refugees: report of the Secretary-General
A/49/440	Palestinian refugees in the Palestinian territory occupied by Israel since 1967: report of the Secretary-General
A/49/441	Return of the population and refugees displaced since 1967: report of the Secretary-General
A/49/442	Protection of Palestine refugees: report of the Secretary-General
A/49/443	Protection of Palestinian students and educational institutions and safeguarding of the security of the facilities of UNRWA in the Near East in the occupied Palestinian territory: report of the Secretary-General
A/49/488	Revenues derived from the Palestine refugees' properties: report of the Secretary-General
A/49/505	University of Jerusalem "Al-Quds" for Palestine refugees: report of the Secretary-General
A/49/509	Report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine

A/49/511	Twenty-sixth report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories
A/49/556	The situation in the Middle East: report of the Secretary-General (in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 48/59 A and B)
A/49/636 S/1994/1240	The situation in the Middle East; Question of Palestine: report of the Secretary-General (in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/158 D)
A/49/598	Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Secretary-General (in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 48/41 A)
A/49/599	Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Secretary-General (in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 48/41 B)
A/49/600	Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Secretary-General (in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 48/41 C)
A/49/601	Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Secretary-General (in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 48/41 D)
	Committee Against Torture report
CAT/C/16/Add.4	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention. Initial reports of States parties due in 1992: Israel
	Economic and Social Council report
E/1993/114	Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories: report of the Economic Committee
	Commission on Human Settlements report
HS/C/14/9	Housing requirements for the Palestinian people

UNCTAD reports

TD/B/40(1)/8	UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people. Developments in the economy of the occupied Palestinian territory: report by the UNCTAD secretariat
DSD/SEU/Misc.4	Palestinian women and economic and social development in the West Bank and Gaza Strip
DSD/SEU/Misc.5	The agricultural sector of the West Bank and Gaza Strip

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